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## NOTE

USSR: The USSR launched Soyuz 4, a manned space capsule, early this morning. According to the TASS announcement, Lt. Col. Vladimir A. Shatalov is the only one aboard. The ultimate objective of this mission is not known, but at a minimum the Soviets will probably wish to perfect the docking procedure, which failed during the flights of Soyuz 2 and 3 last October. If docking is an objective, a second vehicle—whether manned or not—will probably be launched early on 15 January.

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